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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS SECRETARY BROWN FROM AMBASSADOR  
STRAUSZ-HUPE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NATO, AWACS

SUBJECT: NATO AEW

1. AMBASSADOR PAULS TOLD ME TODAY THAT MINISTER LEBER HAD  
TOLD PAULS THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING SECRETARY BROWN  
HAS AGREED THERE WOULD BE TWO  
MEETINGS ON NATO AEW. THE FIRST, A MEETING ON MARCH 25  
OF DEFENSE MINISTERS, WOULD ADDRESS AEW IN GENERAL AND NOT  
DEAL WITH DETAILS. THE MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD THEN BE  
FOLLOWED BY A FINANCIAL EXPERTS' MEETING THAT WOULD EXAMINE  
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DETAILS.

2. ACCORDING TO PAULS, LEBER ALSO UNDERSTANDS FROM SECRETARY BROWN  
THAT THE LATTER BELIEVES A MEETING OF MINISTERS THAT DOES  
NOT LEAD TO DECISIONS WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR UK MOD MULLEY.  
PAULS PERSONALLY BELIEVES THIS WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT, SINCE  
MULLEY HAS INSISTED HE NEEDS A DECISION.

3. PAULS ACCORDINGLY ASKED ME TO CONVEY URGENTLY HIS PERSONAL SUGGESTION THAT SECRETARY BROWN CONSIDER CALLING MULLEY TO DETERMINE IF A GENERALIZED AEW MEETING NOT COVERING FINANCIAL DETAILS OR RESULTING IN NO DECISIONS WOULD SATISFY HIS REQUIREMENTS AND THAT HE WOULD BE READY TO ATTEND.

4. SEPARATELY, PAULS NOTED THAT, BASED ON LUNS' DECISION TO CANCEL FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING NEXT WEEK (USNATO 1534), THE DUTCH WILL REQUEST CLARIFICATION TODAY WHY NO FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING IS TO BE SCHEDULED BEFORE THE MINISTERS MEET.

5. I THINK PAUL'S SUGGESTION MAKES SENSE. MULLEY JUST MIGHT NOT WANT TO COME TO A MINISTERIAL MEETING THAT MIGHT RESULT IN ISOLATING (AND PLACING THE BLAME ON) THE UK FOR UNWILLINGNESS TO JOIN THE US, FRG AND OTHERS IN POSTPONING ACTION. WHILE THIS SEEMS TO RUN CONTRARY TO THE LOGIC THAT MULLEY WANTS A MEETING TO GET HIM OFF THE HOOK ON NIMROD, SECOND THOUGHTS ON HIS PART MAY LEAD MULLEY TO BELIEVE THAT THE FRG WANTS TO MAKE HIM THE SCAPEGOAT.

6. IF IT WOULD HELP, I WOULD BE GLAD TO FLY TO LONDON THIS WEEKEND TO TALK TO MULLEY, AN OLD FRIEND, USING ANY GUIDANCE YOU THINK APPROPRIATE. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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